

## Beacon Farm Network - Application Form

### Note to Applicants

**Please be advised that there is no option to 'save' your answers and return at a later date. The form must be completed and submitted in one sitting.**

**If you have any queries please contact [beacon@agrisearch.org](mailto:beacon@agrisearch.org)**

**Please hit 'Next' to begin the application form.**

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### Applicant Details

**\* 1. Name - Please provide the name of the Lead Applicant plus any additional individuals who will be actively involved in project delivery**

Lead Applicant

Additional Applicant (if applicable)

Additional Applicant 2 (if applicable)

**\* 2. Please state each if the applicant(s) are part-time or full-time managers of the farm business**

	Full-time	Part-time
Lead Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Applicant (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Applicant 2 (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* 3. Contact Details

Farm Address

Address 2

City/Town

County

Post Code

Email Address (Lead Applicant)

Mobile Phone Number (Lead Applicant)

\* 4. Area Farmed (ha)

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### Farm Details - Dairy

\* 5. Does the farm have a dairy enterprise?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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### Farm Details - Dairy

6. Dairy - What calving system is used?

☐ Block Calving - Spring

☐ Block Calving - Autumn

☐ 4-7 Month Calving Spread

☐ Year round calving

7. Dairy - What is the average annual yield?

- ☐ <7000 litres
- ☐ 7000-9000 litres
- ☐ 9000-10000 litres
- ☐ >10000 litres

8. Dairy - What grazing system do you use?

- ☐ Extended Grazing
- ☐ Day and Night Grazing during mid/late spring and summer
- ☐ Grazed by day but mostly in at night
- ☐ Permanently Housed

9. Which processor do you supply milk to

- ☐ Lakeland
- ☐ Dale Farm
- ☐ Glanbia Cheese
- ☐ Glanbia Milk / Fivemiletown
- ☐ Aurivo
- ☐ Strathroy
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. Dairy - How often do you milk record?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Irregularly
- ☐ Every 7-8 weeks
- ☐ Every 4-6 weeks

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### Farm Details - Beef

11. Does the farm have a beef enterprise?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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### Farm Details - Beef

#### 12. Beef - What beef systems are present?

- ☐ Sucker to Weaning
- ☐ Beef Finishing
- ☐ Suckler to Beef
- ☐ Weanling/Store to Beef
- ☐ Contract rearing of dairy origin beef calves
- ☐ Other (please specify)

#### 13. What grazing system do you use? Please select all that apply

- ☐ Extensive / Set Stocking
- ☐ Rotational Grazing
- ☐ Strip Grazing
- ☐ Don't graze - fully housed

#### 14. What meat plants do you sell to?

- ☐ ABP
- ☐ Foyle
- ☐ Linden Foods
- ☐ Dunbia
- ☐ WD Meats
- ☐ Do not sell direct to meat plants
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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### Farm Details - Sheep

#### 15. Does the farm have a sheep enterprise?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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### Farm Details - Sheep

16. Sheep - What sheep systems are present?

- ☐ Lowland
- ☐ Upland
- ☐ Other (please specify)

17. What sheep grazing system do you use?

- ☐ Extensive / set stocking
- ☐ Rotational grazing
- ☐ Strip Grazing

18. What meat plants do you sell lamb to?

- ☐ ABP
- ☐ Linden Foods
- ☐ Dunbia
- ☐ Do not sell direct to meat plants
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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### Farm Details - Arable

19. Does the farm have an Arable enterprise?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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## Farm Details - Arable

20. Arable - What arable crops are present? (Select all that apply)

☐ Combinable Crops: (e.g. Barley/Wheat/Oats)

☐ Forage Crops: (e.g. Maize/Whole Crop)

☐ Protein Crops (e.g. field beans)

Other (please specify)

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## Farm Details - Other

21. Does the farm have any other farming enterprises? Select all that apply

☐ No

☐ Pigs

☐ Poultry

☐ Anaerobic Digester

Other (please specify)

\* 22. What are your average livestock numbers in a typical year? Please complete all categories that apply

Dairy Cows

Breeding Bulls

Suckler Cows

Replacement Heifers  
>2years

Replacement Heifer 1-2  
years

Other cattle >2 years

Other cattle 1-2 years

Cattle <1 years

Ewes

Fat Lambs

\* 23. Land classifications - select all that apply

- ☐ Severely Disadvantaged Area (SDA)
- ☐ Disadvantaged
- ☐ Lowland

\* 24. Are there any areas of the farm that are designated for habitats or species (e.g. SPA, SAC, ASSI etc.)

- If yes, please provide details

- ☐ Yes (provide details)
- ☐ No

Details

\* 25. Is the farm Quality Assured/Red Tractor Assured?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

\* 26. Does the farm have an operating weighbridge suitable for all stock on the farm?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No - but will get one before the project commences

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### Farm Management

\* 27. Do you actively record, monitor and manage farm data (beyond that required of you)? If yes, select all categories that you manage.

- ☐ No
- ☐ Livestock data (milk, liveweight, fertility/breeding, vet & meds)
- ☐ Field & grass data (grass covers, nutrient management, fertiliser use etc)
- ☐ Financial data
- ☐ Other data

Other (please specify)

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28. Do you use farm management software/ excel / web applications to manage this data? If yes, select the categories you use software solutions for.

- ☐ No
- ☐ Livestock data (milk, liveweight, fertility/breeding, vet & meds)
- ☐ Field & grass data (grass covers, nutrient management, fertiliser use etc)
- ☐ Financial data
- ☐ Other data

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### Farm Management

29. Please detail the farm management software you currently use.

Livestock Data (If applicable)

Field & Grass Data (If applicable)

Financial Data (If applicable)

Other Data (If applicable)

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### Farm Management

\* 30. Do you financially benchmark your farm business?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



\* 31. Have you undertaken a GHG/Carbon benchmarking assessment within the last 2 years?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes - Processor Requirement
- ☐ Yes - Own Initiative

\* 32. How frequently do you soil test?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Irregularly
- ☐ Every 4-5 years
- ☐ Every 3 years or less

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### Farm Management

\* 33. Have you implemented any innovative technologies/practices on farm in the last 5 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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### Farm Management

34. Please detail all innovative technologies/practices undertaken in the last 5 years

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### Farm Management

\* 35. Have you undertaken actions to protect/improve/create habitats or enhance biodiversity on farm in the last 10 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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### Farm Management

36. Please detail all actions undertaken to protect/improve/create habitats or enhance biodiversity on farm in the past 10 years.

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### Technology & Communications

\* 37. Do you have access to Internet (Broadband or 3G/4G alternatives) in either the farmhouse and/or farm office?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

\* 38. Do you use a Smartphone?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

39. Which Social Media Channels do you use? Select all that apply.

- ☐ None - Don't currently use Social media
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Twitter

Other (please specify)

\* 40. Would you be willing to promote the project via social media, hosting farm walks or taking part in webinars/podcasts etc.?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

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### Qualifications & Experience

\* 41. Are you currently in a Business Development Group?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

42. If applicable - Please detail any relevant farming/industry organisations you are actively involved in and any roles held

1	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>
4	<input type="text"/>
5	<input type="text"/>

43. If applicable - Please detail any relevant qualifications obtained or training undertaken that would be relevant to this project

1	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>
4	<input type="text"/>
5	<input type="text"/>

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### Qualifications & Experience

\* 44. Have you previously taken part in any other on-farm research projects?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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### Qualifications & Experience

45. Please provide details of previous on-farm research undertaken

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### Motivation

\* 46. Please detail your motivation for applying to become a Beacon Farm

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### Declarations

\* 47. By submitting this application I acknowledge the following are requirements of all selected Beacon Farms. (Please check all boxes to confirm).

- ☐ Data Collection & Sharing - Regular submission of accurate data to AgriSearch (& partners as required) for the purposes of research
- ☐ Knowledge Exchange - Consistent promotion of the Network and the information resulting from it
- ☐ Commitment - Anticipated initial 5 year project duration
- ☐ Partnership Approach - Ability to work with others for the delivery of wider aims and objectives
- ☐ Participation - Attend approximately 3 meetings a year